

**NOTICE OF MEETING  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17**

Notice is hereby given of a Board of Education Committee of the Whole meeting of School District No. 17, in the County of Douglas, which will be held at 6:30 p.m. on **Monday, March 14, 2011** at 5806 South 147th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

MARCH 14, 2011

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REPRESENTING:

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BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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The Public Meeting Act is posted on the Wall and Available for Public Inspection

Public Comments on agenda items - This is the proper time for public questions and comments on agenda items only. Please make sure a request form is given to the Board Vice-President before the meeting begins.

A G E N D A

1. Legislation
2. Budget

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There will be a special Board of Education Meeting following the Board Committee of the Whole meeting. The Board will meet in Executive Session for the purpose of negotiation.

Public Comments - This is the proper time for public questions and comments on any topic. Please make sure a request form is given to the Board Vice President before the meeting begins.



MILLARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## Legislative Update

March 14, 2011

**K-12 Funding** - The Speaker made it clear that his position is to place any increase in revenue in to the reserve. We still think the Education Committee is trying to get the funding to 815 million just over the Governor's proposal of 811 million.

**Legislative Calendar** – Hearings schedule:

The committee has not taken any action on Learning Community Bills to this point.

March 15 – dual enrollment, Quality Educational Opportunity Act

### **Bills of Interest**

There are several bills that change the school aid formula to reflect the reductions they intend to make.

LB 235 reduces state aid with a goal of reaching 838 million in funding.

LB 236 reduces state aid even further to 800 million.

The Governor's proposal is 810 million. It is likely that state aid will end up somewhere in the

Reading is Fundamental - \$24.8 million; National Board for Professional Teaching Standards - \$10.7 million; New Leaders for New Schools - \$5 million; Arts in Education - \$40 million; We the People - \$21.6 million; Close Up fellowships - \$1.9 million; Exchanges With Historic Whaling and Trading Partners - \$8.6 million; Thurgood Marshall Legal Educational Opportunity program - \$3 million; B.J. Stupak Olympic Scholarships - nearly \$1 million.

### Cuts to SPED and Title I Programs

In its initial form, H.R. 1 would impose a \$700 million cut to Title I grants, a \$558 million dollar cut to special education, and additional reductions to early education and afterschool programs. However, the House voted in favor of an amendment offered by Rep. Cathy

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BILL NO.	INTRODUCER(S)	DESCRIPTION AND SUMMARY OF BILL	COMM. & HRG. DATE	GF	SF	FR	Status	POSITION
LB53	Krist	Change free transportation provisions relating to learning community students	Education 02/28/11					Support
		Provides that Learning Community school districts must provide free transportation to students res at 1:30 p.m. the learning community and attending school in the school district if the student is transferring purs Room 1525 the open enrollment provisions of section 79-2110 and either (i) is a student who contributes to the socioeconomic diversity of enrollment at the school building to which she attends, transfers and lives more than one mile from the school to which he or she transfers, o student attending a focus school or program and lives more than one mile from the school building the focus school or program.						
		Deletes eligibility for free and reduced lunch kids who don't affect diversity of building.						
LB58	Adams	Provide for a study of dual-enrollment courses and career academies	Education 03/15/11					Support
		Provides that the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education should study dual enrollment courses and report to the Legislature before December 15, 2011.	Education 03/15/11					
LB84	Fischer	Adopt the Build Nebraska Act and authorize bonds for the highway system	Education 03/15/11					
	FISCHER PRIORITY BILL (2011)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bill establishes the Build Nebraska Act and Creates the State Highway Capitol Improvement surface transportation projects, providing for security, investment, and repayment of bonds.</li> <li>• Funding: ½ cent of existing sales tax for 20 years, raising \$125 million annually</li> <li>• Effective: 2013</li> <li>• Funds shall be used as follows:</li> </ul> <p>\$60 million will be used to pay for surface transportation projects of the highest priority of NDOR</p> <p>\$20 million for cities and counties</p>						

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LB125	Avery	Create the Children's Health Advisory Committee  To create and provide duties for the Children's Health Advisory Committee, to provide duties for the executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Education, to provide for and require schools to implement nutrition and physical activity standards.	Health and Human Services 02/10/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1510					Oppose
LB130	Heidemann	Provide for adjustment of formula need in calculation of state aid to schools  Provides that for school fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13, if the total amount of TEEOSA Aid as determined by the department to be distributed to school districts is different than the total amount appropriated for distribution, the department shall proportionally adjust each district's formula need as calculated pursuant to section 12 79-1007.11 so that the total amount of aid determined is equal to the amount of funds appropriated.	Education 01/25/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525				Killed 02/17/11	Oppose
LB143	Haar	Require public education institutions to file certain contracts of employment with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission  Provides that public schools shall file with the Accountability and Disclosure Commission a copy of each contract of employment for officials of the institution with the title or function of president, vice president, chancellor, superintendent, assistant superintendent, chief executive officer, or chief financial officer, or other senior administrative personnel under contract with the institution performing similar functions. The contract of employment shall include the salary and benefit package provided to the official and shall identify each benefit provided and its source and value.	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/17/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1507				Killed 03/09/11	Oppose

LB145

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LB173	Avery	Prohibit natural resources district board members from running for or holding more than one office  No person serving in a natural resource district shall simultaneously hold another high elective office	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/02/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1507					Monitor ?
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LB189	Council	Adopt the Criminal Offender Employment Act  On Tc 0.011 TwTf 0n011CID65.68 6Rf* e5Jy6 [(O)14(n Tc 0.01/TT1 1 Tf 0.0)4(t)2(i)2(v)16(e)19( o)16(f)13(f)13(i)3(c)4(e)19(.))TJ /C2_0 1 Tf 0.004 Tc 0 -1.299 TD <00030000>Tj ET EM  On frTc4d.36 re o7 TD(f)13(cr)1						
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LB236	Adams	Change provisions relating to state aid to schools	Education 01/25/11					Oppose
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Reduces the base limitation rate for school district to 0% for 2011-12 and 2012-13, which would affect budget lids and several elements of the aid formula. Elements of the budget lids would be permanently modified. Modifications reducing total amount of state aid: The cost growth factor would be permanently reduced by eliminating the factor that is added on to the two years of basic allowable growth rates in the calculation. Need stabilization and the averaging adjustment would be eliminated beginning with the 2012 calculation of aid. The local effort rate would be increased from \$1.00 to \$1.025 for 2011-12 and 2012-13. The allocated income tax reduction would be extended for 2011-12 and 2012-13 and would be increased to \$21 million. NCSA Summary.

It is estimated that LB236 would decrease the amount of state aid distributed in FY2011-12 by \$184.8 million and the amount distributed in FY2012-13 by \$231.9 million of general funds.



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LB273	Dubas	Change the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act to provide for converted contract option students	Education 01/31/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Support
LB283	Haar	Provide school boards with tax levy and bond authority relating to energy efficiency projects	Education 03/01/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525	03/09/11				Support
	HAAR PRIORITY BILL (2011)	Permits tax levy authority and bond authority for energy efficiency projects under the existing environmental hazard/accessibility barrier abatement provisions of law. NCSA Summary.						
LB287	Adams	Change provisions relating to summer school and early childhood summer sessions	Education 01/31/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Support
		Expands the existing TEEOSA summer school allowance for students enrolled in a summer session early childhood education program. Changes the calculation of the allowance. Further provides that school district will receive an additional six-tenths of a summer school student unit for each early childhood education student unit attributed to a free lunch and free milk. NCSA Summary.						
LB364	Fischer							

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LB382	Nordquist  NE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS PRIORITY BILL (2011)	Change deposit and contribution rates for certain retirement systems  Requires School Retirement Fund retirement contributions from employees of 9.28% of compensation from 9/2011 through 8/2013 and contributions of 8.28% from 9/2013 through 8/2014. The most recent contribution was 8.28%. From 7/2011 until 7/2013, requires retirement contributions paid by Nebraska State Patrol officers or paid on the officer's behalf of 19% of monthly compensation. From 2013 on requires 16% contribution. Provides for assessments against the appropriation of the Nebraska State Patrol in those amounts for those periods.  NCSA: Proposes to change the employee contribution rate for the School Employees Plan from 8.28% to 9.28% effective September 1, 2011. The employer rate (equal to 101% of the employee rate) would increase from 8.36% to 9.37%. It is important to note that the bill was introduced on behalf of the Governor and that, while the proposal calls for a full percentage increase, the Retirement Committee is not bound to that idea. It is likely that LB 382 will be advanced from committee this session, but it may not have to include a full percent increase. Talks are under way to examine, for instance, a half percent increase or some figure less than a full percent. The underlying objective is to address the immediate actuarial shortfall and to be cognizant of the increased burden placed on employees as well as employers.	Nebraska Retirement Systems 02/01/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Monitor ?
LB397	Lathrop  BUSINESS AND LABOR PRIORITY BILL (2011)	Redefine a term in the Industrial Relations Act  Clarifies that the reference to employer in the definition of employee refers to the definition of employer provided by the Industrial Relations Act. Shell bill for CIR.  See LB 619, LB 664, LR29CA	Business and Labor 02/07/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1524					Monitor ?
LB430	Cornett	Change property tax levy limitations  Provides that property tax levies for "bonds as defined in section 10-134" rather than "bonded indebtedness" are not subject to the local government levy limits established under section 77-344. Resolves a dispute between State Auditor's office and certain SIDs.  ENDC legislation	Revenue 02/02/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1524	03/04/11				Support
LB439	Heidemann	Change valuation of agricultural and horticultural land for school tax purposes  Provides that for school district taxation purposes, agricultural and horticultural land shall be valued at its actual value, and greenland 65% of its special value. Provides that the acceptable range of variation for such land for school district taxation purposes is 59% to 65% of actual value. For purposes of TEEOSA, provides that agricultural and horticultural land has a state aid value of 62% of actual value and greenland has a state aid value of 62% of the special valuation. NCSA summary.	Revenue 03/03/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1524					Oppose



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LB486	Louden	<p>Change provisions relating to compensation and contributions under the School Employees Retirement System</p> <p>Sunsets the 7% rule effective June 30, 2012. Thereafter, any amount of annual salary increase exceeding 9% would be excluded for purposes of computation of retirement benefits and there would be no exemptions to this rule. Currently, a plan member of the School Employees Retirement System applying for retirement benefits is subject to have his/her salary examined by NPERS (the Retirement Agency) for the 60 months leading up to the anticipated date of retirement. Under the current rule, any amount of annual salary increase exceeding 7% would be excluded for purposes of computation of retirement unless at least one of three exemptions applies.</p> <p>NCSA: Proposes to eliminate the 7% Rule under the School Employees Plan along with the three exemptions under the rule and, in exchange, to raise the cap for purposes of calculating benefits to no exemptions. Under the existing rule, a plan member applying for retirement benefits is subject to have his/her salary examined by NPERS (the Retirement Agency) for the 60 months leading up to the declared date of retirement. Any amount of annual salary exceeding 7% would be excluded for purposes of computation of retirement benefits unless at least one of three exemptions applies. The three exemptions are: A. Substantial change of employment position or duties, B. Result of collective bargaining agreement, or C. District-wide permanent benefit-plan change.</p> <p>Under LB 486, the existing 7% Rule would sunset on June 30, 2012, and, beginning July 1, 2012, a new</p>	Nebraska Retirement Systems 02/08/11 at 12:10 p.m. room 1525					Oppose
LB509	Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee	<p>Change provisions relating to retirement</p> <p>NCSA: Represents the technical cleanup bill for the NPERS. One of the more significant changes proposed in LB 509 is a re-codification effort to place all cost-of-living (COLA) related provisions of retirement plan into one section of law and to eliminate obsolete language. The bill does not change any existing COLA laws. The bill neither increases nor diminishes any benefit for current or future</p>	Nebraska Retirement Systems 02/08/11 at 12:10 p.m. room 1525	03/04/11				Support
LB531	Fulton	<p>Change permissible budget reserves for schools</p> <p>Lowers MPS allowable reserve percentage from 20% to 15%. Provides that any reduction in a school district's budget made to comply with the budget limitation under the state aid formula must affect classroom expenses at a last resort. The obvious intent behind the bill is to force school districts to utilize its reserves toward instructional staff and to place instructional staff as the priority for budget expenditures.</p> <p>NCSA Summary.</p>	Education 02/01/11 at 11:30 p.m. Room 1525					Oppose
LB537	Karpisek	Change provisions relating to budget limitations and property tax levy limitations						

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LB619	Larson	Remove school districts, learning communities, and educational service units from the Industrial R Act  See LB 397, LB 664, LR29CA	Business and Labor 02/07/11					

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